

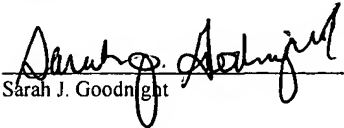
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Burns P. Phillips et al.
 Appl. No.: 10/687,267
 Filed: October 15, 2003
 Title: SWIVEL RETRACTOR BLADE ASSEMBLY

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional claim fees are required.
☒ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
☒ Also attached: Petition for Two Month Extension of Time

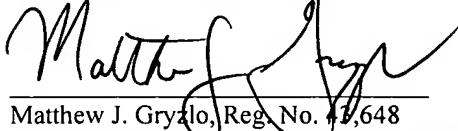
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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	9	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0206 for the extension fee as designed in the attached Petition for Two Month Extension, which Applicants presume will be \$165.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-0206, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

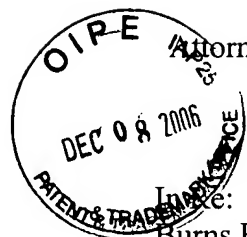
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REPLY TO JULY 5, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Examiner:

This Reply is in response to both the final Office Action mailed July 5, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed November 28, 2006. A first reply to the July 5, 2006 Office Action was submitted on November 5, 2006, along with a Petition for a one month extension of time and the appropriate fee, following an interview with the Examiner, but the Reply was not entered. This Reply is being submitted within two months following the three month shortened statutory time period noted in the final Office Action. Accordingly, a Petition for a two month extension of time is included herewith. The fee for the Petition should be calculated as the difference between the fee for a two month extension of time and the fee for a one month extension of time that was previously paid.

Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the Examiner's acknowledgement in the Interview Summary that claims 10 and 17 are allowable over Farley.

This Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.